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FACING THE FURY OF KODOS

THE PLANET MOBIUS WAS ONCE A VIRTUAL PARADISE UNTIL IT WAS CONQUERED BY THE EVIL DOCTOR ROBOTNIK! HIS TECHNOLOGICAL TYRANNY WOULD HAVE CONTINUED IF NOT FOR A HEROIC GROUP OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS WHO BANDED TOGETHER AND RESTORED ORDER TO THE KINGDOM OF ACORN! THE BRAVEST AMONG THEM IS A BLUE STREAK FILLED WITH THE MOST ATTITUDE GOING AROUND - - AND, WITHOUT A DOUBT, HE IS THE FASTEST THING ALIVE! ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!
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saving nate morgan
BOOM
WOW! I BARELY HAD ENOUGH TIME TO THROW SERGEANT SIMIAN'S GRENADE UP AND OUT THE SKYLIGHT! ONE MINUTE SOONER AND EVERYONE HERE WOULD'VE BEEN TOAST!
GEEZ... TALK ABOUT GORILLA WARFARE!


ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, PRINCESS SALLY?
SURE, SONIC... EXCEPT FOR THAT AREA AT THE BACK OF NECK WHERE NACK (THAT NO-GOOD WEASEL) WHACKED ME.*
JUIC
*See last issue - ED.
HOW ABOUT EVERYONE ELSE? TAILS...ROTOR... BUNNIE...ANTOINE... AMY ROSE... ARE YOU ALL OKAY?
ONLY OUR PRIDE WAS HURT IN THAT THERE RUCKUS,* SUGAH-HOG! JUST WAIT'LL I GET MY HANDS ON THAT WEB-SPINNIN' ARACHNIS!
DO NOT FRET, BUNNIE-- SHE IS SURE TO BE RE-CEIVING AN UP-COMEANCE!
* Also last ish.
THOSE CRIMINALS ARE GONNA GET WHAT'S COMIN' TO 'EM--NO WAY IS ANYBODY GONNA JUST WALTZ IN HERE AND KIDNAP A FRIEND O' MINE!
THERE'S NO TELLIN' WHAT THOSE NO-GOOD-NIKS'LL DO TO POOR NATE IF THEY--
WHO CARES WHAT THEY DO TO HIM?! JUST LOOK AT THIS PLACE--MY HUSBAND AND I PUT OUR SWEAT AND TEARS INTO THIS JUICE BAR--
JUICE
--AND NOW LOOK! IT'S COMPLETELY DEMOLISHED!
BUT IT WASN'T NATE'S FAULT! DON'T YOU UNDER-STAND? HIS SCIENTIFIC SKILLS MAKE HIM A TOP SECRET INGREDIENT OR SOMETHIN'--EVERYBODY WANTS TO GET A HOLD OF HIM!
TELL IT TO THE SECRET SERVICE!
WE'LL HAVE TO DO ONE BETTER THAN THAT AND TELL YOUR DAD, SALLY!
YOU SAID IT, SONIC! NEXT STOP--
EXIT

--CASTLE ACORN!
MY APOLOGIES ONCE AGAIN, SIRE, BUT NOTHING HAS CHANGED SINCE LAST WE SPOKE -- THE TWO SHUTTLE-CRAFTS FOUND IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE DEVIL'S ISLAND GULAG WERE INDEED EMPTY...
...LEADING ME TO BELIEVE THAT THE ESCAPED PRISONERS PERISHED IN THE AREA'S BOILING OCEANS!
A TRAGIC END TO A TRAGIC TALE, GEOFFREY...
DAD!
SALLY--WHAT IS IT? WHAT'S WRONG?
IT'S NATE--HE'S BEEN KIDNAPPED!
K-KIDNAPPED? BY WHOM?
SNIVELY.
HE, ALONG WITH KODOS, PREDATOR HAWK, DRAGO, LIGHTNING LYNX, FLYING FROG AND JUST ABOUT ANYBODY WHO SHARED A CELL AT THE DEVIL'S ISLAND GULAG GOT US ALL PRETTY GOOD.*
*Again last issue - ED.



IMPOSSIBLE I SAY--THERE IS NO WAY THAT THEY COULD HAVE BEEN THE ATTACKERS! MY AGENTS AND I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM THERE!
THEN THEY WERE SHAPE-SHIFTERS...OR EVIL-DOUBLES...OR CLONES--WHATEVER! CAN I TALK TO SOMEBODY WITH SOME AUTHORITY AROUND HERE?
'CUZ THE GOON SQUAD'S ON THE LOOSE AND THEY'VE GOT MY FRIEND!
BUT, SONIC, HOW COULD THE KIDNAPPERS BE THE ESCAPED PRISONERS WHEN THEIR SHUTTLE-CRAFTS WERE FOUND A SHORT DISTANCE FROM THE GULAG? HOW COULD THEY POSSIBLY HAVE MADE THE TREK BACK TO MOBOTROPOLIS IN SUCH RECORD TIME?
MAYBE I CAN PROVIDE THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION!
DOCTOR QUACK!
NONE OTHER... SEVERAL OF THE MALNOURISHED PRISON GUARDS, PLACED IN THE LOCK-UP BY SNIVELY'S CREW--
--HAVE REGAINED THEIR STRENGTH ENOUGH TO INFORM ME OF A THIRD MISSING SHUTTLE-CRAFT.
OKAY--SO THEY'VE GOT A SET O' WINGS! THE NUMERO UNO QUESTION STILL ON MY MIND IS WHERE THOSE NO-GOODNIKS TOOK NATE!
WELL...I MAY NOT HAVE A RELIABLE SOURCE LIKE THE GOOD DOCTOR BUT I DO HAVE A MAP OF THE PLANET AT MY DISPOSAL...
...AND ALTHOUGH IT MAY BE A LONGSHOT PERHAPS THE FELONS FLED NO FURTHER THAN THE LAND MASS CLOSEST TO DEVIL'S ISLAND!


OF COURSE... THE OL' HIDIN' IN PLAIN SIGHT ROUTINE! NICE JOB, PRINCE ELIAS!
ALL RIGHT, FREEDOM FIGHTERS-- ARE WE READY TO JUICE OR WHAT?
SONIC!
WHAT ON MOBIUS DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?
THIS IS A SERIOUS MATTER! THE KINGDOM OF ACORN IS NO LONGER AT WAR --IT NO LONGER EXPECTS CHILDREN TO TAKE UP ARMS AGAINST ITS ENEMIES.
THE INCARCERATION OF SNIVELY'S RENEGADES AND THE RETRIEVAL OF NATE MORGAN WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY MY OWN SECRET SERVICE --LED BY NONE OTHER THAN COMMANDER GEOFFREY St. JOHN.
WHAT?
DADDY-- YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!
WE'VE TACKLED THOSE CREEPS NO SWEAT! WE'VE DONE IT BEFORE FOR YEARS!
THEN HOW DID THEY MANAGE TO GET THE JUMP ON YOU EARLIER? AS MUCH AS IT PAINS ME TO SAY IT...
...THE KNOTHOLE VILLAGE FREEDOM FIGHTERS, AS OF THIS MOMENT, ARE OFFICALLY DISBANDED!
St. JOHN?
AT ONCE, MY LEIGE! HERSHEY... VALDEZ... WOMBAT STU... HEAVY... BOMB...
...LET'S GO!


MANY HOURS LATER, A ROYAL SUBMARINE (CREATED FROM LEFTOVER SCRAP METAL) EMERGES FROM THE LUKEWARM DEPTHS OFF THE COAST OF BIG KAHUNA ISLAND.
OKAY, AGENTS, THIS IS OUR MOMENT OF TRUTH-- WE'LL BE FACING OFF AGAINST SOME MIGHTY TOUGH CUS-TOMERS AND THEY'RE RIGHT AHEAD OF US...
...IN WEST ROBOTROPOLIS, A CITY THAT'S BEEN DESERTED SINCE THE FALL OF DOCTOR ROBOTNIK.
IT'S THE PERFECT HIDING PLACE FOR SNIVELY AND HIS BAND OF ROGUES!
RUMOR HAS IT THAT ROBOTNIK WAS USING THE CITY AND THE SUR-ROUNDING ISLAND AS A TESTING GROUND FOR EXPERIMENTS OF A SECRET NATURE. IT ONLY MAKES SENSE THAT...
HOLD THAT THOUGHT.

AT THE RISK OF SOUNDING CLICHE --Uhh... WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG?
YOU'VE ABSOLUTELY NO BUSINESS ON BIG KAHUNA, HEDGEHOG!
YOU ARE IN VIOLATION OF A DIRECT ORDER FROM KING ACORN--CAPTURING ESCAPED PRISONERS IS A JOB FOR SEASONED PROFESSIONALS ONLY!
WHY, YOU'RE JUST A KID!
SAVE IT, St. JOHN--I'M SIXTEEN! SURE, KING MAX DISBANDED THE KNOTHOLE VILLAGE FREEDOM FIGHTERS...
...SO THAT'S WHY I'M HERE AS A FREE AGENT!
ELSEWHERE IN WEST ROBOTROPOLIS...
YOU'RE MAKING THIS SO UNCOMFORTABLE FOR US, MISTER MORGAN...
Oh, REALLY?
YES... I'D FEEL SO MUCH BETTER IF YOU WOULD AGREE TO PROVIDE YOUR SERVICES TO MY COHORTS AND ME!
WHAT DO YOU SAY, Hmm?

AND...
I'M TELLING YOU, SONIC--IF YOU HOPE TO BE PART OF THIS MISSION, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO LEARN HOW TO BE A TEAM PLAYER!
WELL, Y'KNOW THERE WERE A LOT O' REASONS WHY WE CALLED OUR-SELVES THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS, St. JOHN--BUT MAINLY IT WAS 'CUZ THERE WAS MORE THAN ONE OF US!
GRRROWWLLL
?
WHERE'S THAT WEIRD SOUND COMING FROM?
COME ON, SONIC--IT'S TIME TO SHAKE AND BAKE! WE'VE SPOTTED SOMETHING UP AHEAD!
Uhh... YEAH. SURE, HERSHEY.
MOMENTS LATER...
IT'S THE SHUTTLE-CRAFT AND IT'S PARKED OUTSIDE OF THE OLD, ABANDONED COURT-HOUSE--OUR QUARRY MUST LIE WITHIN!
LIKE, DUH.
RIGHT THEN, TROOPS--LET'S GET THIS PLACE SUR-ROUNDED SO I CAN ORDER THESE ROUGHNECKS TO COME OUT WAVING THE WHITE FLAG!


ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND?! WHAT HAPPENED TO THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE?
HE'S AN OVER-LANDER. I DON'T MUCH LIKE OVER-LANDERS, HEDGEHOG, AND NEITHER SHOULD YOU--
THIS IS A BAD MOVE, St. JOHN--IF YOU GO THROUGH WITH THIS, POOR NATE'LL GRAD-UATE FROM KID-NAP VICTIM TO HOSTAGE!
--NOT AFTER WHAT THEY CAUSED TO BEFALL SALLY'S MUM--QUEEN ALICIA--DURING THE GREAT WAR.*
* READ LAST ISSUE AND KNUCKLES ARCHIVES VOL. 4, COMING SOON -ED.
WHY BLAME NATE FOR THAT?
HE WASN'T EVEN AROUND FOR THE GREAT WAR--I DOUBT HE EVEN KNOWS WHAT A 'GREAT WAR' IS, YOU DOOFUS!
THAT DOES IT!
WHISH
NO--THIS DOES!
K-TOK
YOU'LL SEE THAT I CAN GIVE AS GOOD AS I GET, SONIC!
WELL, THEN MAYBE I'LL JUST HAVE TO GIVE A LITTLE MORE, HUH?
ENOUGH!

YOU ARE BOTH CAPABLE COMBATANTS AND OPPONENTS WORTHY OF EACH OTHER, BUT YOU SHOULDN'T BE WASTING YOUR ENERGY DOING THIS--
--NOT WHEN IT CLEARLY JEOPARDIZES THE MISSION!
I HOLD THE HIGHEST RANK HERE, SOLDIER--LET ME BE THE JUDGE OF THAT!
HOW DO YOU JUDGE THIS, COMMANDER?
÷GASP÷
SON OF A KING (I MEAN GUN)!
INSIDE THE COURTHOUSE...
COME ON, MORGAN! JOIN US--OR ELSE!
I DIDN'T LIKE YOU BACK WHEN YOU WERE THE KINGDOM'S WAR-LORD, KODOS, AND I STILL DON'T LIKE YOU--I CHOOSE "OR ELSE!"
OH, WELL--YOUR LOSS!
SAY, THAT'S ACTUALLY FUNNY!

SUDDENLY...
KER-RAKT
3...
?
...2...
FWUMP
...1..
fizzle
CHARGE!


AND, IN A FARAWAY PLACE...
VRRRT
VRRRT
TEK
R-SAT UNIT BACK ON-LINE--
--AND COMMENCING SYSTEM LOCATION OF TARGET.
TARGET ACQUIRED--SYSTEM LOCKED--AND BEGINNING ACTIVATION--
--NOW.

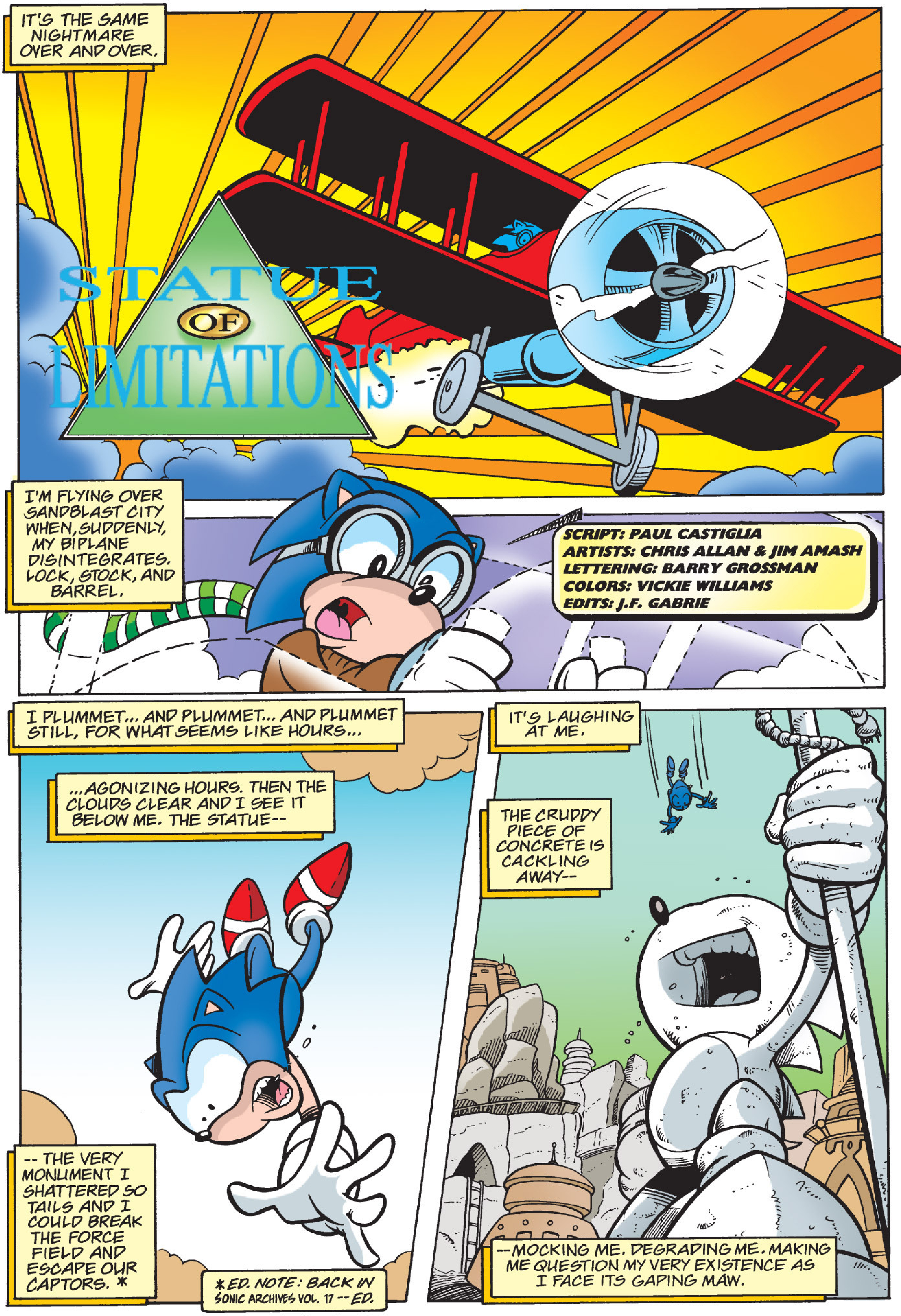



BACK AT BIG KAHUNA ISLAND...
WHACKETTA WHACKETTA WHACKETTA
ATTABOY, SONIC--LET 'IM HAVE IT!
LEGS... GONE... NUMB...
RUN!
HERE, NATE--LEMME HELP YOU OUT OF THAT CONTRAPTION!
THAT'S MUSIC TO MY EARS!
WATCH THE FACE!
ELIAS!
SONIC!
YOU AND NATE GET TO A SAFE PLACE-- PRONTO!
RUMMMMMBBLLL
SUFFERIN' SOLES--IT'S AN EARTH-QUAKE!
KER-BRAKT

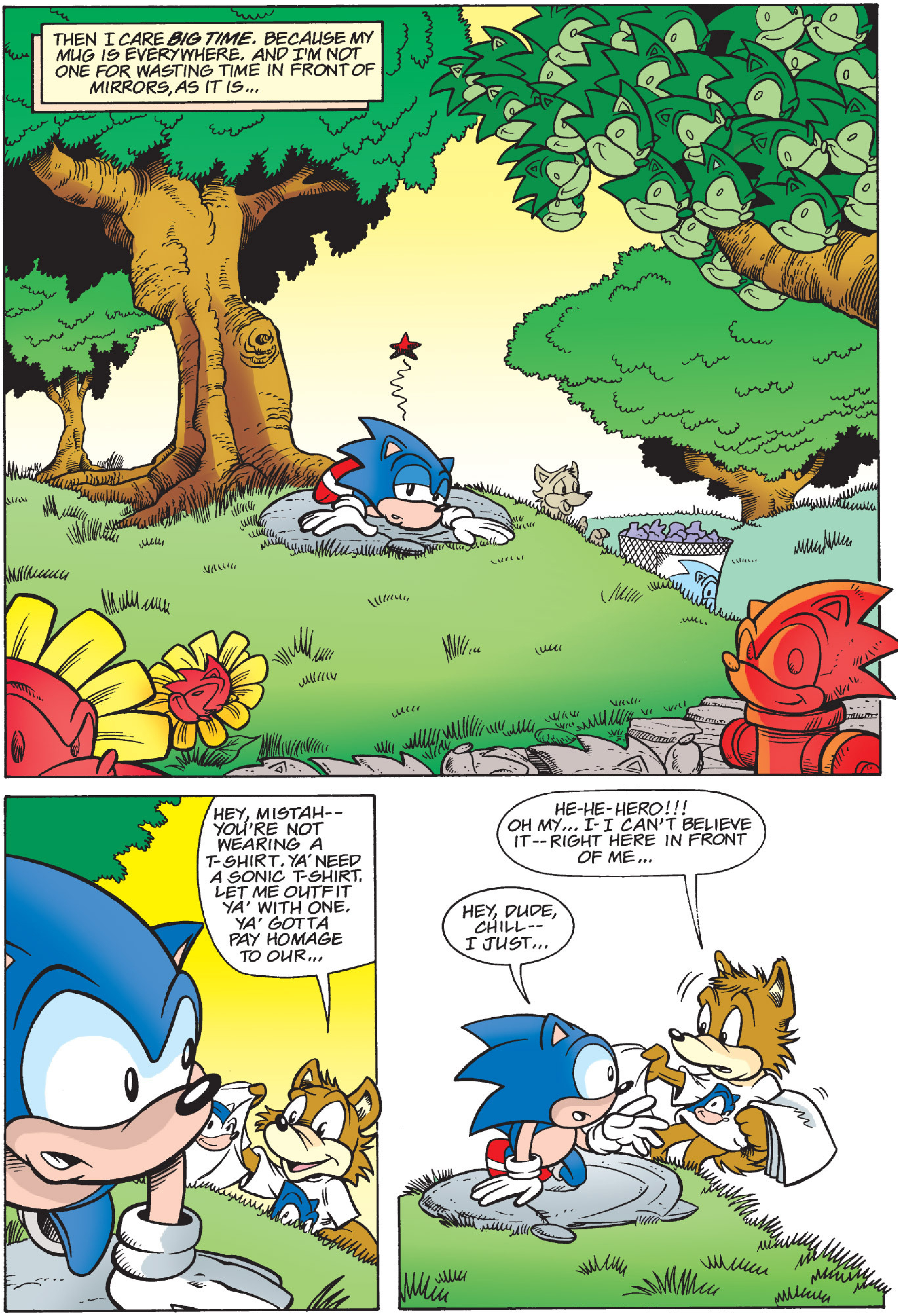

IT RISES UP FROM BENEATH THE FLOOR OF THE OLD COURT-HOUSE--A ROBOTIC, MULTI-LIMBED MUTATE--
--SHINY--UGLY--
--AND MOST OF ALL--
--DEADLY!
NO!
SONIC--WAIT! PLEASE DON'T LEAVE ME! I BEG OF YOU!
THAT CREATURE'S GOT SNIVELY! I CAN'T JUST ABANDON HIM--EVEN IF HE IS ROBOTNIK'S NO-GOOD NEPHEW!
BUT, SONIC--LOOK!
IT ALSO CLUTCHED ONE OF YOUR COMPANIONS!
3...2...1!
BOOM

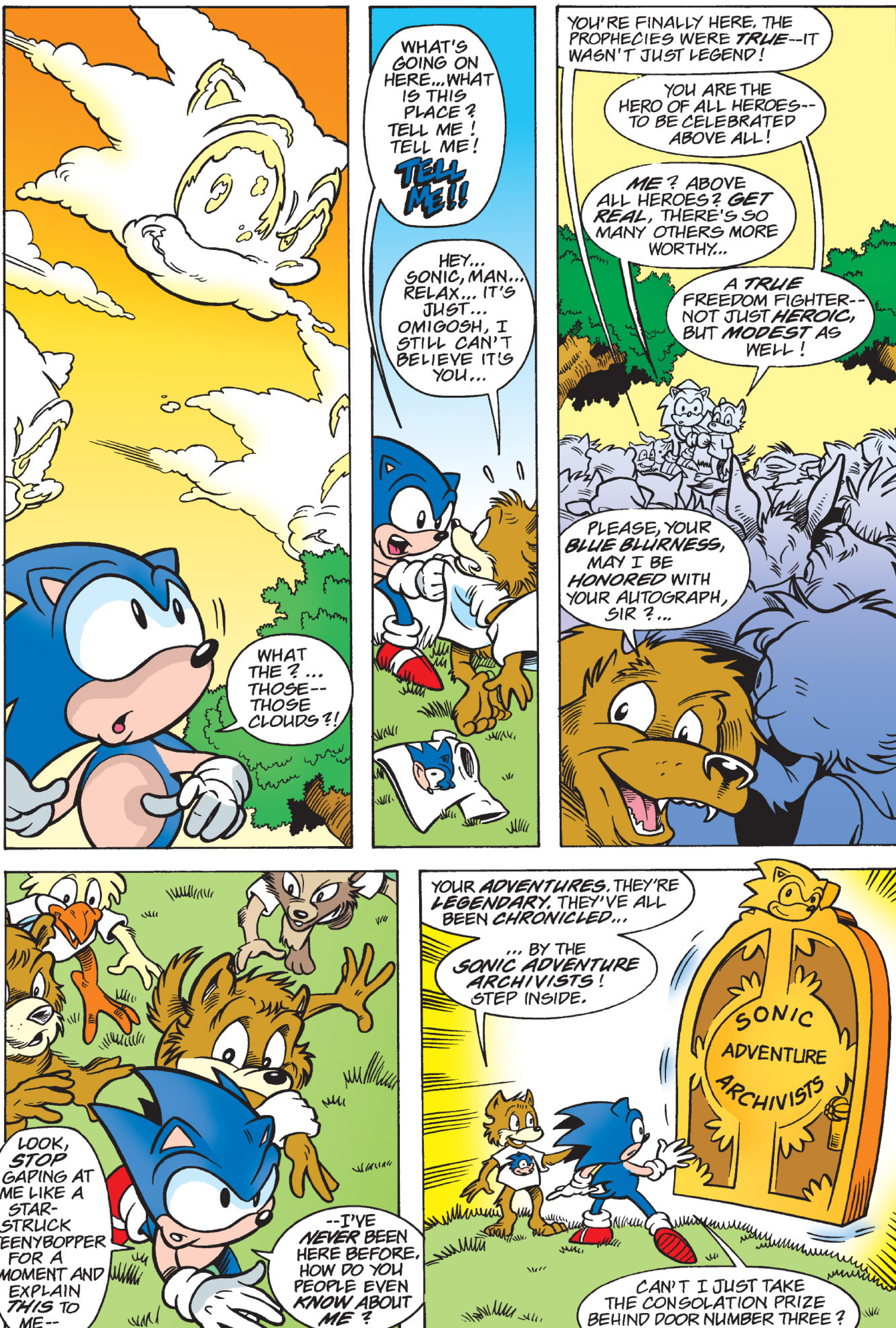


WHAT THE HECK HAPPENED TO 'EM?
THEY'RE GONE-- EXPLODED! THE POOR LITTLE GUY BLEW HIS TOP!
NOT TO WORRY, SONIC--
--BOMB CAN TAKE A LICKIN' AND STILL KEEP ON TICKIN'!
"WHOAH-- THERE'S MORE THAN ONE OF HIM! HE'S OKAY (NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL 'DA BOMB')!
AND...
ALL RIGHT, THEN, LET'S GET THE CUFFS ON THESE BLOKES AND READY THEM FOR TRANSPORT BACK TO GULAG ISLAND.
WELL, EVEN THOUGH SOME OF SNIVELY'S BUNCH HAVE ESCAPED AMID THE CONFUSION...
...THE OVERALL MISSION HAS BEEN A SMASHING SUCCESS!
I GUESS IT HAS AFTER ALL! SAY, St. JOHN, I'VE GOT AN ADDED TROPHY FOR YOU TO TAKE TO THE GULAG --NONE OTHER THAN THE SCORGE OF DOWNUNDA --OL' CROC-BOT HIMSELF!*
CROC-BOT?! WHERE IS HE?
DON'T SWEAT IT--I'VE GOT HIS ROBOTIC REMAINS STORED IN MY--
* READ SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 16 -ED.
--BI-PLANE!?
OUCH. THAT'S GOT TO HURT!
NEXT MONTH: PERHAPS THE STRANGEST ISSUE OF ALL!

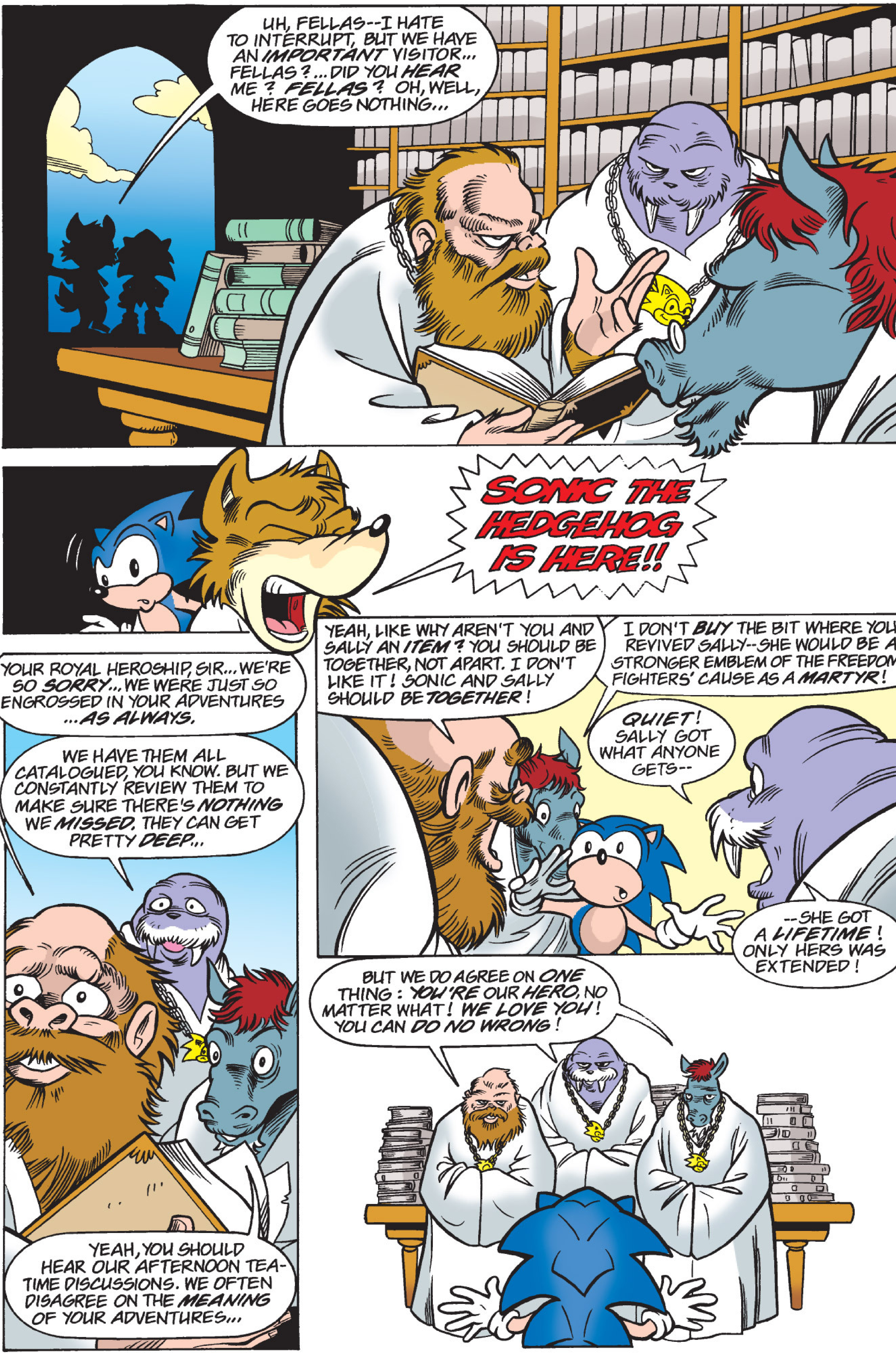

IT'S THE SAME NIGHTMARE OVER AND OVER.
STATUE OF LIMITATIONS
I'M FLYING OVER SANDBLAST CITY WHEN, SUDDENLY, MY BIPLANE DISINTEGRATES. LOCK, STOCK, AND BARREL.
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I PLUMMET... AND PLUMMET... AND PLUMMET STILL, FOR WHAT SEEMS LIKE HOURS...
...AGONIZING HOURS. THEN THE CLOUDS CLEAR AND I SEE IT BELOW ME. THE STATUE--
-- THE VERY MONUMENT I SHATTERED SO TAILS AND I COULD BREAK THE FORCE FIELD AND ESCAPE OUR CAPTORS. *
* ED. NOTE: BACK IN SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 17 -- ED.
IT'S LAUGHING AT ME.
THE CRUDDY PIECE OF CONCRETE IS CACKLING AWAY--
--MOCKING ME. DEGRADING ME. MAKING ME QUESTION MY VERY EXISTENCE AS I FACE ITS GAPING MAW.

THEN I WAKE UP. IN A POOL OF SWEAT, HEART POUNDING, AND COMPLETELY DISHEVELED.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE DREAM MEANS, BUT I WANT IT TO END.
PROBLEM IS, SOMETHING HOLDS ME BACK. NIGHT AFTER NIGHT, I WAKE UP AT THE SAME POINT IN THE DREAM...
I NEVER MAKE IT INTO THE MOUTH OF THE STATUE, AS IF I'M AFRAID OF WHAT I'LL FIND ON THE OTHER SIDE...
SEE, IT'S BEEN ME ALL ALONG. BUT TONIGHT, I'M NOT GOING TO LET "ME" HOLD MYSELF BACK. TONIGHT, I FIND OUT HOW THE DREAM ENDS.
THAT'S RIGHT--I'M GOING IN. MIGHT BE THE BREAKTHROUGH I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR. OR MAYBE I'M JUST LITERALLY DIVING INTO THE MOUTH OF MADNESS...
WHAT A RUSH!
I'VE TAKEN THE PLUNGE-- I DON'T KNOW WHERE I'M HEADED AND I DON'T CARE...
...UNTIL I HIT BOTTOM, THAT IS. THEN I CARE...
SPLAT


THEN I CARE **BIG TIME.** BECAUSE MY MUG IS EVERYWHERE. AND I'M NOT ONE FOR WASTING TIME IN FRONT OF MIRRORS, AS IT IS...
HEY, MISTAH-- YOU'RE NOT WEARING A T-SHIRT. YA' NEED A SONIC T-SHIRT. LET ME OUTFIT YA' WITH ONE. YA' GOTTA PAY HOMAGE TO OUR...
HE-HE-HERO!!! OH MY... I-I CAN'T BELIEVE IT--RIGHT HERE IN FRONT OF ME...
HEY, DUDE, CHILL-- I JUST...



WHAT THE ? ... THOSE-- THOSE CLOUDS ?!
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE...WHAT IS THIS PLACE ? TELL ME ! TELL ME! TELL ME!!
HEY... SONIC, MAN... RELAX... IT'S JUST... OMIGOSH, I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S YOU...
YOU'RE FINALLY HERE. THE PROPHECIES WERE TRUE--IT WASN'T JUST LEGEND!
YOU ARE THE HERO OF ALL HEROES-- TO BE CELEBRATED ABOVE ALL!
ME ? ABOVE ALL HEROES? GET REAL, THERE'S SO MANY OTHERS MORE WORTHY...
A TRUE FREEDOM FIGHTER-- NOT JUST HEROIC, BUT MODEST AS WELL !
PLEASE, YOUR BLUE BLURNESS, MAY I BE HONORED WITH YOUR AUTOGRAPH, SIR ?...
LOOK, STOP GAPING AT ME LIKE A STAR-STRUCK TEENYBOPPER FOR A MOMENT AND EXPLAIN THIS TO ME--
--I'VE NEVER BEEN HERE BEFORE. HOW DO YOU PEOPLE EVEN KNOW ABOUT ME ?
YOUR ADVENTURES. THEY'RE LEGENDARY. THEY'VE ALL BEEN CHRONICLED...
... BY THE SONIC ADVENTURE ARCHIVISTS ! STEP INSIDE.
SONIC ADVENTURE ARCHIVISTS
CAN'T I JUST TAKE THE CONSOLATION PRIZE BEHIND DOOR NUMBER THREE ?


UH, FELLAS--I HATE TO INTERRUPT, BUT WE HAVE AN IMPORTANT VISITOR... FELLAS? ...DID YOU HEAR ME? FELLAS? OH, WELL, HERE GOES NOTHING...
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IS HERE!!
YOUR ROYAL HEROSHIP, SIR... WE'RE SO SORRY... WE WERE JUST SO ENGROSSED IN YOUR ADVENTURES ...AS ALWAYS.
WE HAVE THEM ALL CATALOGUED, YOU KNOW. BUT WE CONSTANTLY REVIEW THEM TO MAKE SURE THERE'S NOTHING WE MISSED. THEY CAN GET PRETTY DEEP...
YEAH, YOU SHOULD HEAR OUR AFTERNOON TEA-TIME DISCUSSIONS. WE OFTEN DISAGREE ON THE MEANING OF YOUR ADVENTURES...
YEAH, LIKE WHY AREN'T YOU AND SALLY AN ITEM? YOU SHOULD BE TOGETHER, NOT APART. I DON'T LIKE IT! SONIC AND SALLY SHOULD BE TOGETHER!
I DON'T BUY THE BIT WHERE YOU REVIVED SALLY--SHE WOULD BE A STRONGER EMBLEM OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS' CAUSE AS A MARTYR!
QUIET! SALLY GOT WHAT ANYONE GETS--
--SHE GOT A LIFETIME! ONLY HERS WAS EXTENDED!
BUT WE DO AGREE ON ONE THING: YOU'RE OUR HERO, NO MATTER WHAT! WE LOVE YOU! YOU CAN DO NO WRONG!



AHHHHHHH!!!
CAN DO NO WRONG... CAN DO NO WRONG... CAN DO NO WRONG?!
TAILS, I'M SO GLAD YOU CAME OVER.
OF COURSE, BUDDY--DON'T MENTION IT. WHAT'S WRONG?
TAILS, I'M... I'M NOT SURE WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT. THIS HERO BUSINESS, I MEAN...
I DON'T UNDERSTAND. IN WHAT WAY?
FACE IT, TAILS--I FAILED. I BOLTED OUT OF SANDBLAST CITY WITHOUT LOOKING BACK --LEAVING THE DOOR WIDE OPEN FOR THE ROBIANS.
I DON'T KNOW HOW COMFORTABLE I AM WITH IT ALL. THE RESPONSIBILITY... THE BURDEN...
...AFTER ALL, I'M NOT PERFECT-- I'M ONLY FLESH AND BLOOD.
BUT THINK ABOUT ALL THE LIVES YOU'VE TOUCHED. MAYBE THAT'S WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT. NOT ABOUT BEING PERFECT-- JUST ABOUT CARING ENOUGH TO BE THERE WHEN YOU'RE NEEDED!
HECK, I DON'T KNOW WHERE I'D BE WITHOUT YOU. YOU'RE MY MY HERO, MY BROTHER AND MY BEST FRIEND ROLLED INTO ONE! IT'S NOT ALL BLACK AND WHITE!
SINCE YOU PUT IT THAT WAY, TAILS... MAYBE I CAN GET USED TO BEING GRAY...
THE END